

State Of Maryland 2016 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR # Bill #		House LR # Bill #		2. Name Of Project
lr3465	sb0796	lr2600	hb1093	St. Francis Neighborhood Center
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Pugh				B. Robinson
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Baltimore City				\$500,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the St. Francis Neighborhood Center				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements: Equal			Type: The matching fund may consist of in kind contributions.	
8. Special Provisions				
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
9. Contact Name and Title			Contact Ph#	Email Address
Christi Green			410-215-1454	cgreen@stfranciscenter.org
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)				
<p>We are a nonprofit 501(c)(3) community based organization in the Reservoir Hill, West Side of Baltimore City; founded in 1963, independent of any church affiliation. Our mission is committed to ending generational poverty through education, inspiring self-esteem, self-improvement, and strengthening connections to the community. We offer year round youth development programs for children living below poverty and their families. We also offer an Adult Literacy Program, Computer Lab, personal finance & job readiness workshops, a greening/community improvement program, Yoga, an annual Health/Resource Fair, and space for Narcotics Anonymous meetings, other community organizations and more. All of our current programs, services, and events are of no cost to the public. We partner with over 20 neighborhood coalition and countless community organizations.</p>				

11. Description and Purpose of Project (Limit length to visible area)

The Center is a small, but has made significant impact for 53 years. We need to renovate the current facility. Half of the space is unusable or not functional. The space being used is in dire need of repairs. The full basement is unusable due to water damage; the roof and front porch need completely replaced; small rooms need to be expanded; restrooms repaired, electric and plumbing need replaced; a better lit facility inside and out for safety and efficiency. With the renovation and expansion, we intend to provide: Safe and functional space for community educational programming and gatherings with programming; double the number of participants an opportunity to utilize the Center, programs, resources, and services (we have a wait list); fulfill the mission of the organization to end generational poverty through educational programs. We have completed the visioning process with community stakeholders and are currently completing the conceptual design.

Round all amounts to the nearest \$1,000. The totals in Items 12 (Estimated Capital Costs) and 13 (Proposed Funding Sources) must match. The proposed funding sources must not include the value of real property unless an equivalent value is shown under Estimated Capital Costs.

12. Estimated Capital Costs

Acquisition	\$0
Design	\$150,000
Construction	\$2,850,000
Equipment	\$200,000
Total	\$3,200,000

13. Proposed Funding Sources - (List all funding sources and amounts.)

Private Foundations	\$1,350,000
Historic Tax Credits, going to expore	\$100,000
Matching In Kind	\$500,000
Proposed State of Maryland Bond Bill Allocation	\$500,000
Individual Contributions	\$750,000
Total	\$3,200,000

14. Project Schedule (Enter a date or one of the following in each box. N/A, TBD or Complete)			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
5/1/2015	3/1/2016	1/2/2017	11/30/2017
15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised	16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site		17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete
100000.00	35,995		75,000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
n/a			
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
St. Francis Neighborhood Center Corporation		2405 Linden Avenue Baltimore, MD 21217	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	40 - Baltimore City		
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check One)			
Local Govt.	For Profit	Non Profit	Federal
[]	[]	[X]	[]
22. Grantee Legal Representative		23. If Match Includes Real Property:	
Name:	Christina A. Green	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-870-9670		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
1002 S. Potomac Ave. Baltimore, MD 21224			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
4 full time, 7	6 full time, 12 part	395000.00	750000.00
25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond purposes)			
A. Will the grantee own or lease (pick one) the property to be improved?			Own
B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?			No
C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?			No
D. If property is owned by grantee any space is to be leased, provide the following:			
Lessee	Terms of Lease	Cost Covered by Lease	Square Footage Leased
n/a			
E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
n/a			
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	6,000		
Space to be Renovated GSF	6,000		
New GSF	12,000		

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion

pre-1920

28. Comments

The Center renovation and expansion has the full support of the community. As the community's center, the visioning process of this project was completed with stakeholders that include community members, program participants, funders, volunteers, partners, staff, Board of Directors, and more.

The Center has an iconic presence and history of dedication. In 1963, it started as an outreach center by two local Catholic churches. Within two years, the churches ran out of funding and planned to close the Center. The priest assigned to the Center, Father Tom Composto, in his commitment to the neighborhood refused to give up on the infamous "Whitelock Street," (known for drugs and gangs), and instead left the priesthood and remained at the Center. He became known as the "Pope of Whitelock Street." He lived at and ran the Center until his death in 2010. Our plan of renovation and expansion stays in alignment with his original vision for the Center and the neighborhood.

Reservoir Hill continues to struggle but is a beautiful neighborhood with great people. Unfortunately, it was just blocks from the recent unrest in April 2015. According to BNIA 2013, 47% of the children in the area live below poverty. The Unemployment Rate is 21.9%, compared to Baltimore City average at 14.2%. 37.7% of residents are unemployed and looking for work compared to 9.9% Baltimore City average. 24% have less than a high school or GED. 97.4% of students are African American compared to 84.5% Baltimore City average; 90.6% of students received Free & Reduced Meals, compared to 85.1% in Baltimore City.

To address these distressing statistics and the community's pressing needs, we also surveyed the neighborhood and it was clear youth programs were essential. The Center then established the innovative after school youth development program, the Power Project, in the spring of 2009, and youth summer program in 2010--in addition to our other community and educational programming. Our youth programs always have a wait list of 20 or more children. We are currently filled to capacity.

When a parent/guardian fills out an application to enroll their child in our after school and summer program, they fill out a survey. From this data, we have found:

Of our most recent children in the program (currently 48 enrolled):

35% are or were recently homeless

100% are enrolled in the free or reduced lunch plan and attend Title 1 schools

Over 75% have been diagnosed with a type of disability

100% of our youth in our programs live below poverty

100% attend Title 1 Schools, and 100% participate in FARM.

We partner with 12 local schools, most students coming from John Eager Howard and Mount Royal. JEH has 98.6% of students enrolled in FARM, and Mount Royal has 88.2%. All of our students live in Reservoir Hill.

We want to continue to make a long term investment in our community, youth, and families.